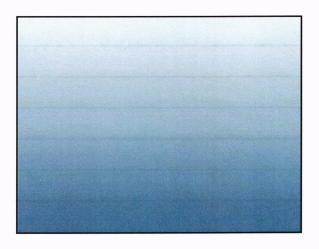
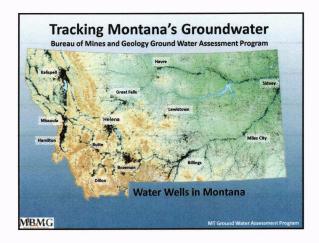
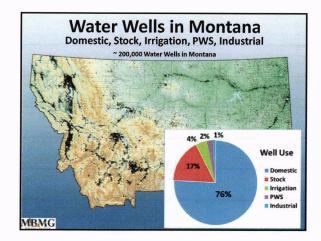


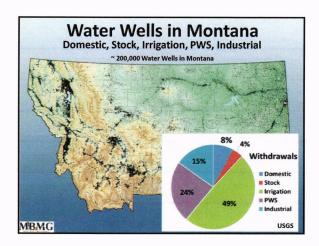
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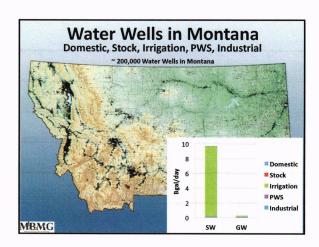


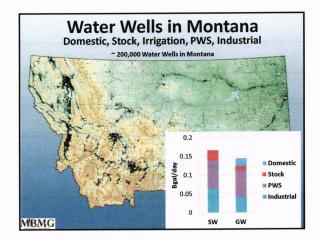


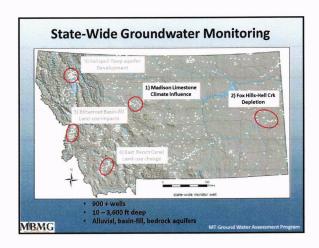


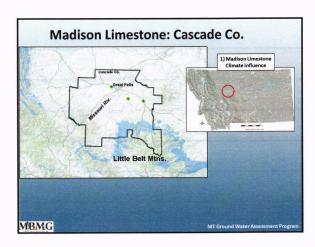


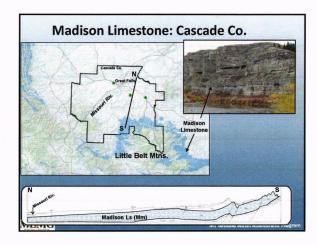


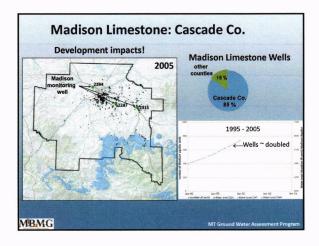


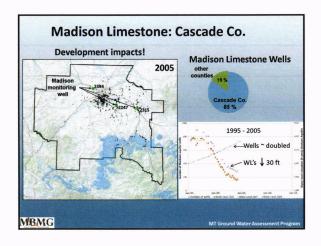


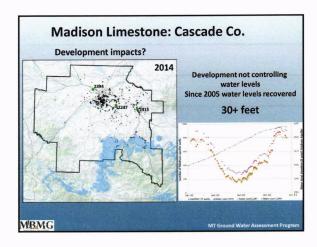


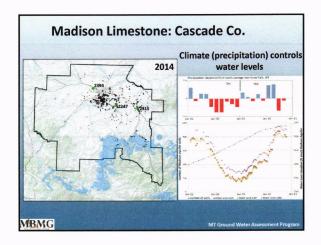


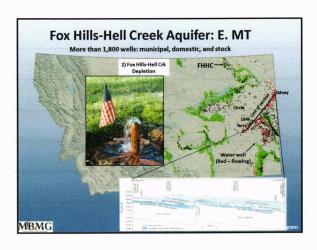


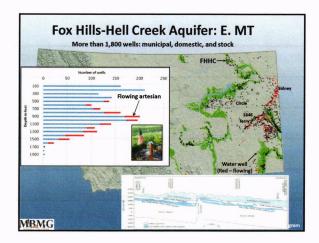


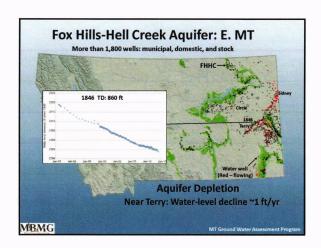


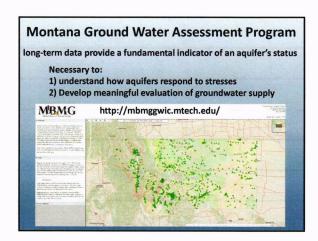


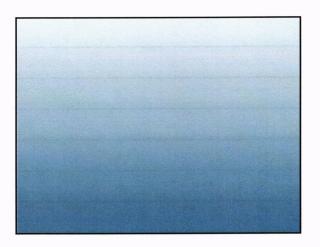




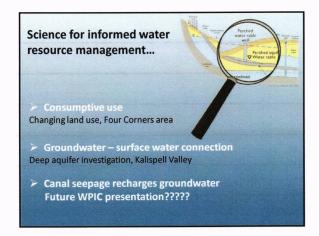


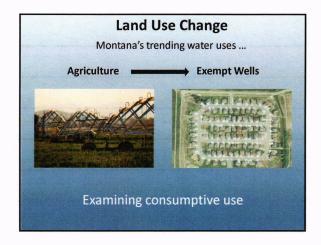


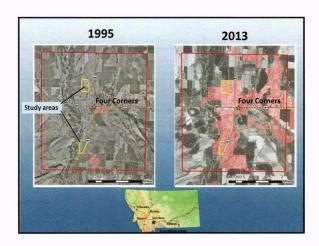


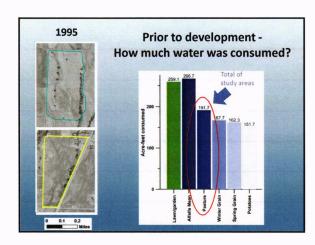


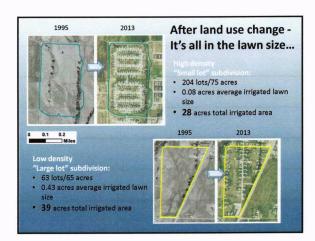
## Ground Water Investigation Program (GWIP) Addresses specific groundwater questions across Montana Answer locally identified questions, crucial for water management; Focused, intensive studies in a structured, widely accepted program Understanding impacts and lock of impacts, both are equally important Provide information so aquifers can be managed, Not just used

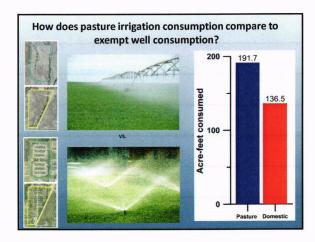


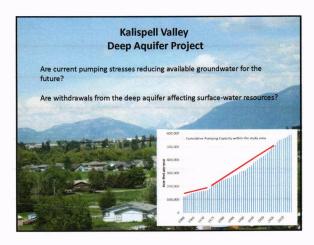


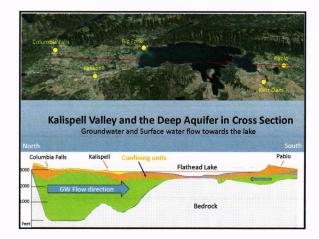


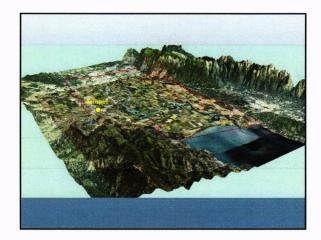


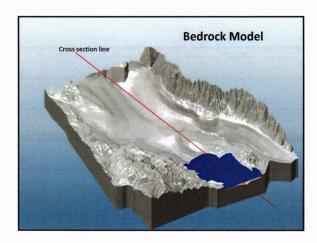


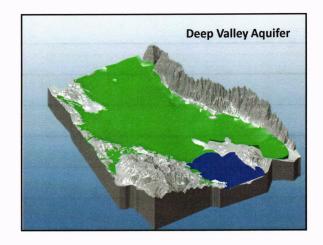


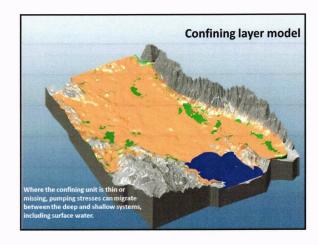


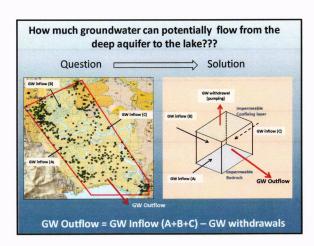


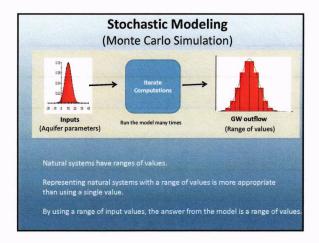


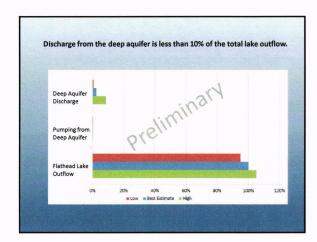












## Projects Nominated in 2015 Helena Valley East Bench — subdivision development and declining water levels East Gallatin Valley area — groundwater availability related to residential development and climate Clear Lake Aquilfer, northeast Montan: — develop a aquifer management model Gallatin River Ranch — investigation to support a viable water management plan Enhancing natural storage — beaver mimicry structure effects on surface and groundwater Gallatin River Basin — hydrologic analyses of a possible Mitigation Bank for water transfers Upper Gallatin River Corridor — impacts of existing/proposed development on streamflow Wise River Watershed — assessment effects of proposed drought planning Billings area groundwater — a public health concern due to nitrates Lolo Creek, Bitterroot Valley — investigate causes of creek dewatering Virginia City — investigate potential for management of water resources

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